

Mr. and Mrs. Downing reared four children—Clara J., Mary A., Anna and Simeon, Jr.

**Daniel G. Minter** was born in Bedford county, Va., May 23, 1836. He was the son of a wealthy planter and slave owner. Daniel G. was reared on his father's farm. His father planned for him to attend the University of Virginia, but young Daniel decided to come west and grow up with the country. Despite his parents' objections, he came to Missouri and located in Shelbyville in 1855. Here he engaged in a merchandising partnership with J. R. Gatewood. Shortly afterward he went to Novelty where he opened the first store in that town.

When the Civil War broke out he closed his business and engaged in organizing troops for the Confederate States. He served with the Confederate forces until the close of the war.

In 1863 he began business in Shelbina in partnership with J. W. Sigler. Two years later he became a partner with his cousin, Columbus Minter. Then for four years he was a partner with his cousin, Columbus Minter. Then for four years he was a partner of J. M. Bates. In 1877 Mr. Minter and Emmet Smith formed a partnership. Their store carried a line of dry goods, clothing, gents' furnishings, hats, caps, boots, shoes and carpets.

Mr. Minter was married three times. His first wife died in 1877, his second wife in 1880. In 1881 he married Miss Ida Aldrich, a teacher and the stepdaughter of Professor Ripley, president of the Shelbina Collegiate Institute.

**Daniel Taylor** was born February 6, 1821 in Hampshire county, Va. At the age of 22 years he came to Missouri, making his home in Shelby county among its early settlers, in 1843. He located northeast of Shelbyville where he farmed and followed the tanner's trade, which he had learned in Virginia. Mr. Taylor lived on his farm until 1863, when he came to Shelbina. Here he engaged in the grocery business, and later changed to the dry goods business. He became a prominent stockholder in the Bank of Shelbina, and was elected president of the bank in 1874. In 1878 the Bank of Shelbina, as a joint stock company, was discontinued, and the bank of Reid & Taylor was organized as its successor. Mr. Taylor was elected to the county court in 1860, and held that position during all the trying times of the war and after its close until 1866.

Judge Taylor was married October 3, 1844 to Miss Amanda Minter, daughter of Dr. Anthony Minter, a pioneer physician of Shelby county. They had no children.

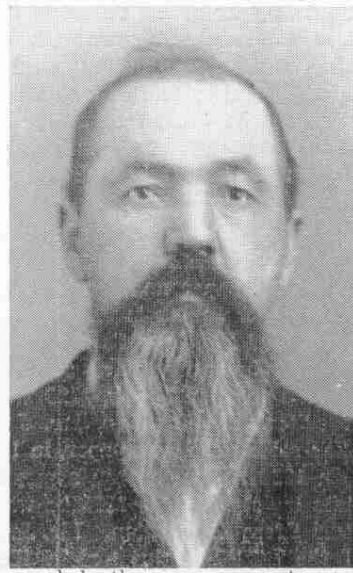
**S. G. Parsons** was born in Paris, Mo., August 29, 1843. At the age of 20 years he began clerking in a dry goods store in Paris. He became a partner in the store and moved it to Shelbina in 1864. In about a year Mr. Parsons retired from this firm. He then entered a partnership with J. S. Sigler in the grocery business, which they continued until 1866-67. Later Mr. Parsons took over the business as sole owner, operating it the remainder of his life.

Mr. Parsons was a very public-spirited citizen, serving in many capacities, such as president of the Shelbina Fair Association, member of the school board, and member of the city council.

He was married in May 1865 to Miss Mary T. Hanger of Monroe county. They were parents of eight children—Jennie, Lelia, Kitty Belle, Newton, John R., Annie, Mary and Nelle. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Parsons was married to Mrs. P. A. Sparks of Shelbina.

Mrs. Nell Murphy, daughter of S. G. Parsons, makes her home in Shelbina.

**Charles Miller** was born in Kirchheim, Germany, April 6, 1838. At the age of 14 years he was apprenticed to a cabinet maker to learn the trade. At the end of his apprenticeship, age 17 years, he decided to come to America. It required seven weeks to cross the ocean in a sailing vessel. Mr. Miller landed at New Orleans and came by boat to St. Louis where he first worked at his trade as a cabinet maker. Later he worked in Quincy, Palmyra, Florida and Paris. In 1864 he came to Shelbina to start a business of his own. He made furniture and coffins, and was Shelbina's first undertaker. Coffins were made as they were needed—the measurements were made with a stick or switch and brought to Mr. Miller. Often he would work all night to have a coffin ready for burial next day.



Mr. Miller married Miss Sarah E. Givan. They were the parents of six children. Their son, Fred, owns and operates the furniture business in Shelbina, started by his father in 1864. The Miller Furniture business is the oldest firm in Shelbina.

Charles Miller died October 7, 1935, at the age of 97 years. His wife lived to be 105 years old and died on December 23, 1951.

**J. D. Moudy** was the editor of the first paper in Shelby county after the war, The Shelbina Gazette. The first number was issued at Shelbina, January 10, 1866. Mr. Moudy came to Shelbina from Illinois. In April 1866, Mr. Moudy sold the Gazette to E. D. Hoselton, his foreman.

**E. D. Hoselton** was born in Chemung county, N. Y., May 21, 1840. After his father's death he moved with his mother to Illinois where he grew to manhood. He served in the Civil War and at its close in 1865, came to Shelbina. He worked as foreman on the Shelbina Gazette, the town's first newspaper. In the spring of 1869 he founded the Shelbina Democrat. The publication was an all home print, seven-column folio, or four-page paper. In 1870 Col. S. A. Rawlings, a Virginian who came to Shelby county in 1848, became a partner in the publication of the paper. In 1881 W. O. L. Jewett became a partner with Mr. Hoselton. On November 4, 1891 Mr. Hoselton sold his interest in the paper to J. W. Cox, brother-in-law to Mr. Jewett, and retired. In 1867 Mr. Hoselton was married to Miss Clara M. Muldrow.

**Dr. H. C. Lee** was the first practicing physician to locate in Shelbina. He came in 1857. After the war he became bereft of reason and shot and killed a saloon keeper, James Parker. Dr. Lee had shot Parker's dog, and he was haunted by the fear and belief that Parker was going to kill him in retaliation. Dr. Lee went to Parker's house one night, called Parker out on the porch, and shot him. Dr. Lee was declared insane and sent to the state institution for the insane at Fulton.

**W. O. L. Jewett** was born in Bowdoinham, Sadahoc county, Maine, on December 27, 1836. In 1838 the family moved to Indiana where they lived for four years, then to a farm in Will county, Ill. Here Mr. Jewett grew to manhood.

He served in the Union forces during the Civil War. After the war he studied Law, was admitted to the bar in Michigan and Illinois in 1866. While practicing law in Mt. Sterling, Ill., he edited a paper there.